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YOSUKE TAJIKA)
Application No.: 10/665,566) Group Art Unit: 2183
Filed: September 22, 2003) Examiner: Unknown
For: REMOTE CONTROLLING) Confirmation No.: 6157
DEVICE, PROGRAM AND)
SYSTEM WITH CONTROL)
COMMAND CHANGING)
FUNCTION)

Commissioner for Patents
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents, applicant submits a Notice of Reasons for Rejection issued by the Japanese Patent Office on October 13, 2006, in a counterpart Japanese application citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof. In addition, an English-language translation of the Notice is attached. Applicant also provides English-language abstracts of the listed Japanese publications.

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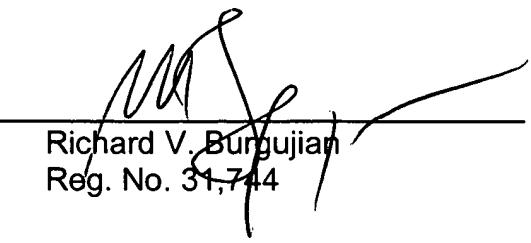
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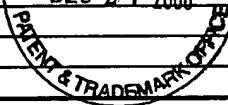
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